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Title: **BALANCING APPLIANCE FOR FOOTWEAR ITEM**

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A timely response to an Examiner's Action (Paper No. 4, dated November 9, 2000) was due at the Patent Office February 9, 2001. Enclosed herewith is Applicant's Petition [37 CFR 1.136(a)] and Fee [37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)] associated therewith for a one-month extension of time to respond.

In response to the Examiner's Action, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Amend FIGS. 1 and 3. The requested changes are as shown on a separate paper attached hereto and are subject to approval by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendment of Claim 1 is requested. As specified by the Patent Rules (37 CFR 1.121), a clean version (incorporating the requested amendments) is

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